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IMAGE RETRIEVING APPARATUS PERFORMING RETRIEVAL BASED ON CODING INFORMATION

UTILIZED FOR FEATURED FRAME EXTRACTION RECEIVED

OR FEATURE VALUES OF FRAMES

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 12, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Claim Set as Amended; and

Remarks.